

Standing Committee on Finance

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About the Standing Committee on Finance

- Established at COP 16 to assist the COP in relation to the financial mechanism of the Convention., with respect to:
 - ✓ Improving **coherence and coordination** in the delivery of climate change financing,
 - ✓ **Rationalization** of the financial mechanism,
 - ✓ **Mobilization** of financial resources and
 - ✓ **Measurement, reporting and verification** of support provided to developing country Parties.
- Key mandated activities:
 - a) Forum → continued exchange of information, linkages and coherence, exchange ideas on scaling up climate finance;
 - b) Linkages → SBI and thematic bodies of the Convention;
 - c) Operating entities of the FM → draft guidance, coherence, effectiveness and efficiency;
 - d) Periodic reviews of the financial mechanism;
 - e) Biennial assessment, overview of climate finance flows.



Meetings of the Standing Committee on Finance

- As mandated by the COP, the SCF is to meet **at least twice** per year.
- **Three meetings** planned in 2013, next SCF (4th) meeting: 15-17 June 2013.
- All **meeting documents** are published on the website: www.unfccc.int/SCF/
- All meetings of the SCF are **open to observers**.
- The **first forum** of the SCF took place on 28 May 2013 in Barcelona, Spain, in conjunction with the Carbon Expo, and attracted around 180 participants.



Status of work of the Standing Committee on Finance

- SCF initiated work on the arrangements between the COP and the Green Climate Fund (GCF) → provided elements to the third meeting of the GCF Board, providing an outline for the arrangements; and will provide a first draft to the fourth meeting of the GCF.
- SCF has launched its work on the additional guidelines for the fifth review with a view to finalize work on this matter during its fourth meeting.
- SCF successfully organized its first forum with the focus on “Mobilizing finance and investments for climate action now”, virtual platform of its forum also launched.



Fifth Review of the Financial Mechanism

- At SCF3 (8-10 March 2013) the SCF launched its work on the fifth review of the financial mechanism.
- Members broadly agreed that:
 - a) The Existing guidelines have been integrated and now exist as one document.
 - b) The SCF concluded that this provided a good basis for conducting the review, however additional issues need to be included and there is significant potential for streamlining;
 - c) Substantive work on the review could and should start as soon as possible and should not wait for the COP 19 to proceed;
 - d) To finalize this task the SCF will be relying on views and recommendations from Parties following invitation by COP18.
 - e) The SCF intends to finalize updating the guidelines by SCF4 on the basis of SCF3 and further intercessional discussions.



Other on-going work of the Standing Committee on Finance in 2013

- Expert inputs to the work programme on long-term finance.
 - Finalising the arrangements between the COP and the GCF before COP 19.
 - Draft guidance to the operating entities to COP 19.
 - Launch work on the first biennial assessment overview of climate finance flows.

 - **Linkages with the SBI and other thematic bodies under the Convention:**
 - SCF to start discussion on this issue at SCF4;
 - Approach:
 - draft guidance to operating entities to be provided to COP19 through SCF report;
 - more integration of issues and guidance → feeding into a single (omnibus) COP decision;
 - For COP19: omnibus decision expected to include finance related issues from other negotiation tracks (e.g. NAMAs, NAPs, BURs, etc.).
 - COP19 may request SCF to also look into other relevant finance issues.
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First Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance

- Took place on 28 May 2013 Barcelona, in conjunction with Carbon Expo;
- Participation: 180 registered participants from a wide range of sectors;
- Scope of discussions:
 - a) Focused on both, political and practical opportunities and challenges in the mobilisation and delivery of climate finance;
 - b) Case studies included:
 - microfinance for climate change,
 - origination and implementation of initiatives and the role of national financial institutions;
 - perspectives from large private sector investors,
 - the role of MDBs, NDBs and local governments;
 - Issues on the demand-side → strengthening absorptive capacity.



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